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SUBJECT: U.S./EC TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS: THE FRENCH PROBLEM

REF: EC BRUSSELS 10405

1. SMITH (STR) TALKED WITH SUTTON OCTOBER 27 WHO CONFIRMED
SUBSTANCE FIRST PARA REFTEL, ESPECIALLY SEEMING FRENCH
RELUCTANCE PROVIDE DESIRED INFO.
2. ALL THAT USG IS REQUESTING AT THIS TIME IS FRENCH EXPORT
FIGURES FOR LATEST YEAR ENDING BASIS (AUGUST OR JULY FOR
EXAMPLE) ON WOOL SUITS AND MAN-MADE FIBER/WOOD SUITS TO U.S.
WE ARE NOT RPT NOT NOW ASKING FOR ANY GOF INFO ON FRAUD ETC.
3. SUIT IMPORT PROBLEM IN U.S. IS FAST BECOMING POLITICAL
TEXTILE ISSUE, DUE LARGELY TO HERETOFORE UNEXPLAINED FRENCH
EXPORTS (I.E., BOTH U.S. AND EC DOUBT THAT FRANCE
HAS ACTUALLY SHIPPED AMOUNTS REFLECTED IN U.S. IMPORT FIGURES,
THAT THERE IS TRANSHIPMENT GOING ON). BUT WE CANNOT
RESOLVE PROBLEM UNTIL WE HAVE FRENCH FIGURES IN HAND, AND
WE MUST HAVE THEM QUICKLY. THIS IS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR BOTH
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EC AND FRENCH.

4. WE HAVE TRIED TO BE HELPFUL TO MEYNELL RE DENIM. IF HE IS NOW NOT WILLING TO PRESS GOF FOR FIGURES ON SUITS, WE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO GO TO GOF DIRECTLY (A STEP WE HAVE AVOIDED HERETOFORE AT EC REQUEST) AND ASK FOR FIGURES.

5. ACCORDINGLY, NOTWITHSTANDING SECOND PARA REFTTEL, MISSION IS REQUESTED TO PRESS MEYNELL FOR FIGURES AND DISCREETLY ADVISE HIM OF ALTERNATIVE MENTIONED PARA 4 ABOVE. CATTO

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